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This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

It was a week we all wish could be undone.

The deaths of two **STSRCF** employees have had a tremendous impact on us all and our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of our beloved co-workers.



On Friday, Cheryl Rose Maynard, Counselor 2, was killed in a traffic accident in VanBuren County. Cheryl was 57 years old and the wife of **STSRCF** Counselor Terry Maynard. She joined **STSRCF** in December 2005.

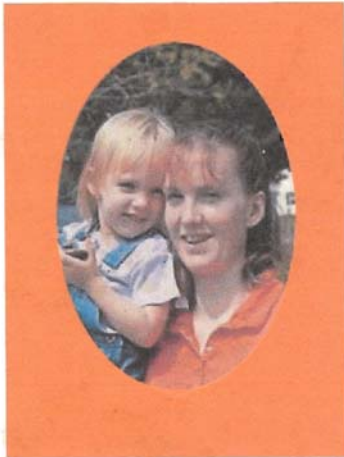
Cheryl was an exceptional counselor and will be greatly missed. Terry Maynard has many friends whose heartfelt sympathy goes out to him.

Cheryl Rose Maynard was laid to rest on Monday, June 5.

On Saturday, Kimberly Wyatt, LPN, **STSRCF**, and her four-year-old daughter Sarah were killed in a shooting incident in Cumberland County. Kim was young, energetic and well liked by everyone who knew her.



Funeral services for Kim and Sarah Wyatt were held Thursday in Jamestown, TN. Sarah was born February 25, 2002.



The medical staff at STSRCF would like to thank all of you who have expressed your sympathy. The staff has set up a trust fund for Karon Wyatt, Kim's six-year-old surviving daughter. So far, inmates have donated \$1,070 to the fund. Please send your donations before June 16, 2006 to:

Karon's Fund, C/O Dottie Brewer,
STSRCF, Rt. 4, Box 600
Pikeville, TN 37367.

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE:

Commissioner Little will visit **TCIP** and **DSNF** next week to discuss the new non-smoking policy with inmate council and employees. The goal of this initiative is to make our facilities a safer and healthier environment for both staff and inmates. We will keep you informed as plans are finalized.

The Commissioner is also pleased to announce that several measures passed in the General Assembly will benefit all of us within the Department of Correction. They include, a 3% pay raise for TDOC employees, increases in the 401k match, longevity payments of \$100 per year will be increased to 30 years, a one-time bonus of \$350 for employees with 3 or more years service will come in October and eligible employees will see an increase in the compression salary plan and classification/compensation upgrades.



"While we are pleased with the additional funding, we are continuing to work to bring staff salaries on par with local and regional markets. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to sharing more exciting news relating to our future with TDOC," said Commissioner Little.

NWCX GIVES A LITTLE:

The American Red Cross blood drive kicked off this week. Acting Warden Mills rolled up his sleeve to give along with 29 other staff members who were kind enough to donate as well.

A spaghetti luncheon was held on Monday at **NWCX** for the Relay for Life fund. Over \$400 was raised, bringing the total amount of money raised by the **NWCX** team to over \$4,500. Acting Warden Mills would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and support.



WTSP held its quarterly service awards ceremony this week.

Thirty-two (32) employees received certificates for years of service. The culinary food class provided refreshments.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Congratulations to Zoyle Jones, Director Classification Programs, Central Office, on his re-election as President of the Tennessee State Employees Association. Former TDOC employee Ann McGuire won re-election as TSEA Treasurer.



THE INTERNS ARE HERE!

Commissioner Little spoke to TDOC summer Interns during a training session this week at **TPW**. There are currently 12 interns from various colleges, universities and high schools working with TDOC this summer. Commissioner Little told the group to master reading, writing and speaking skills in order to be successful. When they're finished with school, we'd love for them to join TDOC.



DUCK!!!!!!!!!!



These two-legged creatures should have been careful around the group of TDOC Food Service Managers who gathered for their annual training class this week.

The training was hosted by **CBCX** at the Goose Creek Training Center.

It was an intensive two-day session that was beneficial to both the Food Service Managers and Food Service Director Valeria Kolison. Every creature in sight got away without being turned into dinner.



PROFILES IN CORRECTION: The Untold Story

Introducing a new segment in "TWIC" that will highlight a different staff member each week. We'll examine those questions you've always wanted to know about a fellow employee but didn't have time to ask. Now that we're all one big happy family, let's get to know each other better.



Meet **Jackie Burgess**, Administrative Service Assistant, **BMCX**.

Jackie is the proud mother of two children and two grandchildren. She was born and raised in Morgan County but says she still hasn't grown up.

1. What is the most exciting thing to ever happen to you?

"Getting to go to the Bahamas next week. I plan to relax, rest and enjoy the scenery. I love to travel."

2. What would people be surprised to learn about you?

"That I'm bashful and not as outgoing as most people think."

3. Who has had the biggest influence on your life?

"God. He's always there for me and with me. My children and grandchildren are also so special, they're my buds!"

4. What makes you smile?

"Everything"

5. How long have you worked at BMCX?

"29 years, 5 months and 7 days."

6. What is the best part of your job at BMCX?

"The people I've met. Learning the judicial and corrections system"

7. What is your favorite song?

"Spirit in the Sky" Do you want me to sing it for you? "

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

“Aspire to inspire before you expire”

-Submitted by Donna M. Pair, Administrative Assistant, MTCX

“Ethics responsibilities cannot be delegated, bought or temporarily rented”

-Carol W. Lewis

-Submitted by Susan Hatley, Vocational Instructor, MLRC

“I have never failed. However, I have found ten-thousand other ways that did not work”

-Submitted by Patricia Allen, Pre-Release Coordinator, SPND